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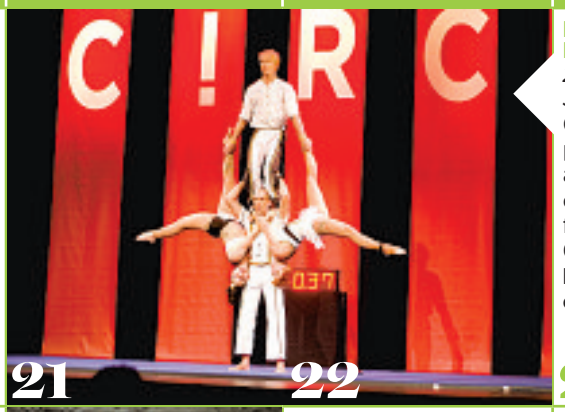
march 20	 21	22	**MIX AT SIX AT HARRIS THEATER** *205 E. Randolph Drive* *312-334-7777* Catch a one-hour performance by circus act Circa while having cocktails and bites from food trucks. 6 p.m. $10. Tickets: **harristheaterchicago.org** 23	**PERENNIAL: THE SECOND COMING AT PAZZO'S BAR & GRILL** *23 E. Jackson Blvd.* *312-386-9400* Try 6 to 16 ounce pours of rare beers ($6-$8) from Perennial Artisan Ales including Blue Label Maman imperial stout and Savant Blanc wild ale. 4-11:30 p.m. No cover. RSVP: **eventbrite.com** 24	**RALPHIE MAY & FRIENDS AT COPERNICUS CENTER** *5216 W. Lawrence Ave.* *773-777-8898* The comedian with four Comedy Central specials performs along with Chicago comics Pat Tomasulo and Gwen La Roka to benefit Chicago Fire Department families. 7 p.m. $30-$65. Tickets: **copernicuscenter.org** 25	26
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A little new job advice for Lovie's eyes only

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Two worlds collided when Lovie Smith, the architect of the last competent Bears team, and Illinois' athletic director Josh Whitman, the architect of pretty much nothing yet, agreed to make Smith only the third coach in the storied 192-day history of Illinois football.

This is a big return for the Belovied One. And for an Illini team that hasn't won a national title since 1951, he's a sign of instant credibility. And just like Bears fans relentlessly pine for the glory days of 1985, so too will Illini fans shake off their skepticism and vow to Make Illinois Great Again—if their new coach can convince them that what worked in the past is fine and dandy now.

Here are some recommendations for Lovie as he tries to lead this once-storied institution back to the top.

DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT OFFENSE

Your Bears teams were known for hard-nosed defense and an offense led by what appeared to be 11 essay contest winners. Here at Illinois, you're already halfway there! It'll be tough, but creativity can help. Everyone knows Brian Urlacher doesn't have college eligibility left, but what about his dashing brother ... Rian Urlacher? This fellow has the windswept coif of a just-born baby. That just can't be Brian. Brian didn't have hair.

SERIOUSLY, DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT OFFENSE

Remember Rex Grossman? You made the Super Bowl with him, and he was physically incapable of attempting a short pass. Sexy Rexy's throws were like flights before the Wright Brothers era. They went for 60 yards, were in the air 11 seconds and then something awful happened. But a pro quarterback's stupidity is simply a college kid's confidence. Tell your quarterbacks if they want that starting job, they need to reach Urbana with a throw from Champaign.

EMBRACE TRADITION

While you did excel at living in Chicago, living in Illinois means you'll have to recalibrate to fit in. So dive into that tradition to really be a part of that I-L-L, I-N-I. Like Chief Illiniwek, a totally non-offensive depiction of Native Americans replete with mid-air splits and performed for eight decades by precisely zero students with Native heritage! The university retired Chief Illiniwek under NCAA financial threat in 2007, but for some silly reason, the Chief keeps showing up at homecoming parades and unofficial events. Lucky you to get to deal with that!

OFFENSE WILL BE TRICKY

You'll need time to build your dream mediocre attack, so maybe blame former coordinator Bill Cubit in the meantime. Interim head coach Cubit was given a full contract from an also interim athletic director, and he's none too popular, because that's like finding out the neighbor you asked to housesit sold your furniture to pay for the house she bought in your name.

HAVE FUN, LOVIE!

There's an orange-and-blue lining to any cloud. Champaign-Urbana is beautiful, in a Windows desktop kind of way. It's near Danville. Memorial Stadium is a bit like a spaceship-less Soldier Field. I've heard there's some frozen yogurt in town, too. But most importantly, this new job will be stress-free. No more wasting your time with overpaid professional crybabies. As a college coach, you can mold your charges by screaming whatever you want at 19-year-olds, and no one questions it! When they meet you, they'll be underpaid amateur young men, waiting for your guidance to become overpaid professional crybabies.

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ENOUGH ALREADY

SOX ARE THIS CLOSE TO BEING SWALLOWED UP BY LAROCHE CONTROVERSY

White Sox infielder Adam LaRoche
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Let's get one thing out of the way: The fact that a 14-year-old kid has torn apart the White Sox clubhouse is far and away the dumbest sports story to come out of Chicago recently, and it's not going away any time soon.

Normally if the Sox are the topic of national conversation, let alone three weeks before the start of the season, the team's PR department would be thrilled. This ... this has left the team with enough egg on its face to feed all of Chicago brunch.

With two-and-a-half weeks to go until opening day, the Sox don't need another bat or an arm for the rotation, though to be sure, neither would hurt.

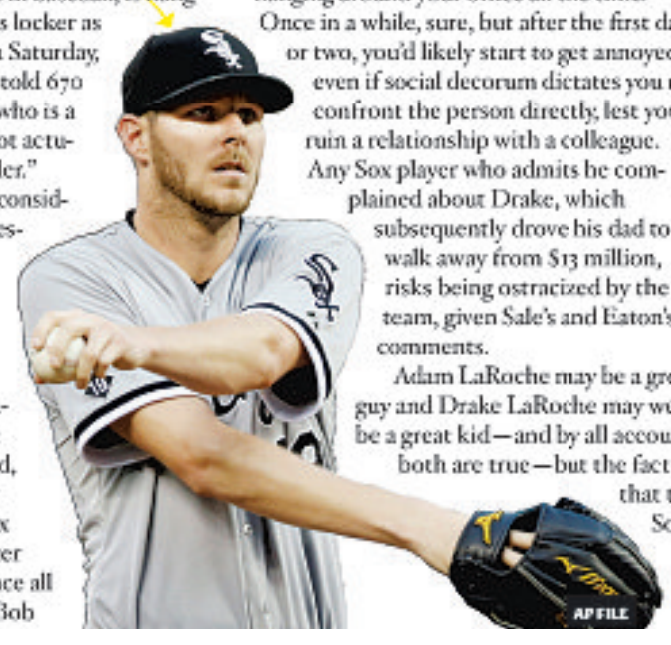
They need someone—anyone—to start acting like an adult.

A team with playoff aspirations finds itself torn apart because a teammate's teenage son is no longer allowed in their clubhouse full time. Adam LaRoche walked away from the $13 million he was due to make this season because his boss, Ken Williams, told him not to bring his son, Drake, around the clubhouse as much. (This is what Williams said on the record; LaRoche claims the team excluded his son from the clubhouse entirely.)

Chris Sale, the face of the franchise and one of the best pitchers in baseball, is hanging the kid's jersey in his locker as though he had died. On Saturday, outfielder Adam Eaton told 670 The Score that Drake, who is a teammate's child and not actually on the team, a "leader."

If a 14-year-old kid is considered a "leader" in a professional setting, this team likely has more problems than we're being led to believe.

A major league clubhouse is a work environment, and despite what Sale and Eaton have said, it's becoming clear that not everyone on the Sox was cool with a youngster hanging out in their space all the time. USA Today's Bob Nightengale reported Saturday that "several players and staff members" complained about Drake being around constantly, though no one has come forward publicly.



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Are you really that surprised about either bit of news?

Would you want your colleagues' kids hanging around your office all the time? Once in a while, sure, but after the first day or two, you'd likely start to get annoyed even if social decorum dictates you not confront the person directly, lest you ruin a relationship with a colleague.

Any Sox player who admits he complained about Drake, which subsequently drove his dad to walk away from $13 million, risks being ostracized by the team, given Sale's and Eaton's comments.

Adam LaRoche may be a great guy and Drake LaRoche may well be a great kid—and by all accounts, both are true—but the fact that the Sox have let this situation get to this point is absurd and embarrassing.

From top to bottom, this situation has been so comically mishandled that it almost makes you wonder if a total housecleaning is in order. If Williams and the team really had a problem with Drake hanging around the clubhouse so much, it should have been addressed after the 2015 season ended, not weeks before the 2016 season began.

Manager Robin Ventura and his players, meanwhile, should have done a better job of handling this internally. They're well within their rights to be upset with management, but the fact that they've let it get this far speaks to a general lack of leadership in the clubhouse.

Regardless of what happens, the Sox's 2016 season will be defined by this. If the team wins, it's going to be because the players came together as one after big bad management made an unpopular decision. If the Sox self-destruct, many will blame this fiasco for causing the team to lose focus.

One thing is certain, however. Someone, literally anyone in that clubhouse, needs to step up and be an adult before this situation does any more damage than it already has.

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Drake LaRoche (front) works out with the team last month. BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

REINSDORF: WE'RE DONE DISCUSSING IT

White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf on Sunday issued a statement saying team employees will no longer discuss the Adam LaRoche matter.

> "I do not believe there is anyone to directly blame in this situation. While there is no doubt this might have been handled differently, the fact remains that this is an internal matter that we have discussed and now resolved."

No, LaRoche isn't actually asking for money

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

A presumed prankster has taken this White Sox/Adam LaRoche controversy to what could be described as a satirical inevitability.

LaRoche last week opted to retire, forfeiting a $13 million salary, because the team decided not to allow his 14-year-old son, Drake, to spend every day in the clubhouse with the team. Sox ace Chris Sale has been a vocal opponent to the change in policy from last season.

Then on Friday, an Oak Lawn native posing as Sale started a "LaRoche Family Recovery Fund" on **GoFundMe.com**.

If you take the page at face value, which you absolutely should not, "Sale" explains the reasoning thusly:

"Beloved member of the White Sox organization, Drake LaRoche, was abruptly removed from the team by executive VP Kenny Williams. This gave his loving father, Adam LaRoche, no other choice but to stand by his son and retire from the team, losing 13 million dollars in the process.

"Please help support the LaRoche family and get them back on their feet."

The page has raised more than $1,600 as of Sunday morning, with several of those contributions coming from supposed Sox players and management.

Funny? Probably. Ridiculous? One hundred percent.

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By Cristina Merrill | FOR REDEYE

The big decluttering movement, sparked in part by Marie Kondo's 2011 best-selling guide "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," has created a windfall for some Chicago thrift stores.

Social media is full of discussions about cleaning up and streamlining your living space. From HGTV to Real Simple to independent bloggers—all are offering suggestions to meet those goals.

"As the idea of living a simple, clean and green lifestyle has become an everyday topic, Goodwill has definitely benefited," Goodwill spokeswoman Pat Boelter wrote in an email. There are multiple Goodwill outlets in the Chicago area.

Melissa Basilone, owner of Thrift & Thrive (6025 W. Irving Park Road), told RedEye in an email, "We have definitely seen an increase in donations over the last 4½ years, though I am not certain whether it has been an increase in visibility of our business, or due to the decluttering movement."

Decluttering is especially important in Chicago, "where closet space is at such a premium," said Lynn Spaeth, manager of Mercy Beaucoup (1545 N. Wells St.), a resale store that benefits Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. "People just don't have typically a lot of space to hold onto the things that they don't wear, so it's nice to kind of cast those off and make room for things that you will wear."

Those who run thrift stores caution that they won't take just any old thing you have. Don't drop off ripped or stained clothing. And forget about mattresses, cribs and car seats—it's illegal to resell them.

"People that are buying used clothing, for the most part, are buying it because they can't afford to buy new, and we're not going to put stuff out that they would not feel proud to wear just like anybody else that shops at a store and gets the satisfaction out of buying something and wearing it," said Marty Freed, director of The ARK Thrift Shop (1302 N. Milwaukee Ave.).

Donating unsellable items can create extra work for thrift store staff and volunteers.

"Make it easier for our volunteers by not donating stuff that we just have to throw away because it's just a lot of extra work," said Kate Roche, director of volunteer services for Norwood Life Society, whose thrift shop's (6017-19 N. Nina Ave.) proceeds go to senior programming.

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The big decluttering movement, sparked in part by Marie Kondo's 2011 best-selling guide "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," has created a windfall for some Chicago thrift stores.

Social media is full of discussions about cleaning up and streamlining your living space. From HGTV to Real Simple to independent bloggers—all are offering suggestions to meet those goals.

"As the idea of living a simple, clean and green lifestyle has become an everyday topic, Goodwill has definitely benefited," Goodwill spokeswoman Pat Boelter wrote in an email. There are multiple Goodwill outlets in the Chicago area.

Melissa Basilone, owner of Thrift & Thrive (6025 W. Irving Park Road), told RedEye in an email, "We have definitely seen an increase in donations over the last 4½ years, though I am not certain whether it has been an increase in visibility of our business, or due to the decluttering movement."

Decluttering is especially important in Chicago, "where closet space is at such a premium," said Lynn Spaeth, manager of Mercy Beaucoup (1545 N. Wells St.), a resale store that benefits Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. "People just don't have typically a lot of space to hold onto the things that they don't wear, so it's nice to kind of cast those off and make room for things that you will wear."

Those who run thrift stores caution that they won't take just any old thing you have. Don't drop off ripped or stained clothing. And forget about mattresses, cribs and car seats—it's illegal to resell them.

"People that are buying used clothing, for the most part, are buying it because they can't afford to buy new, and we're not going to put stuff out that they would not feel proud to wear just like anybody else that shops at a store and gets the satisfaction out of buying something and wearing it," said Marty Freed, director of The ARK Thrift Shop (1302 N. Milwaukee Ave.).

Donating unsellable items can create extra work for thrift store staff and volunteers.

"Make it easier for our volunteers by not donating stuff that we just have to throw away because it's just a lot of extra work," said Kate Roche, director of volunteer services for Norwood Life Society, whose thrift shop's (6017-19 N. Nina Ave.) proceeds go to senior programming.

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Marie Manhoff as Princess Bubblegum and Chris Hebner as Finn from the comic book series 'Adventure Time'

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in character

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For the first time in ages, you might feel awake—truly awake—about the current state of your love life. Truth be told, you're not interested in the illusion any longer. Now, you're ready to stare your partner in the eye and decide whether or not you're able to love him or her as is. Although it might be bittersweet, it'll also be an empowering week.

Taurus *April 20–May 20*
You might have had high hopes regarding what you and your partner can do with money you pool together. It appears that your mate has a different idea of where funds should be allocated. Do your best to determine if either one of you can compromise. Mediation is possible, but you'll have to be willing to meet each other halfway.

Gemini *May 21–June 20*
This will be one of those "turning point" weeks for you in matters of the heart. If you are newly dating someone, this will be the week you either realize you've fallen head over heels in love, or that it will never be anything substantial. This is all or nothing energy. Pay attention to what's in your heart.

Cancer *June 21–July 22*
The spiritual connection you'll feel to your mate this week can help you through any potential tribulation you might experience. Knowing that, no matter what, you and your partner share the same faith can be an incredible assist. Even if your relationship is going through a deep metamorphosis these days, the both of you seem to intuitively know that you'll get through it together. You will!

Leo *July 23–Aug. 22*
A conversation about your relationship might be emotional this week—but it will also be necessary. Neither you nor your partner can afford to keep sweeping those unspoken words under the rug. It's likely to cause more pain than is necessary, even if you believe the opposite is true. The only way out of any situation is through it. This week, you and your mate need to open up lines of communication and begin that process.

Virgo *Aug. 23–Sept. 22*
There might be a difficult situation for you and your mate to navigate this week that centers on a family matter. You might feel as if you're both faced with an impossible decision, one that will require more weight for you to carry. Doing so might be more than either of you bargained for. The good news, however, is that you'll have the fortitude to get through it. Together, you'll be a powerful force.

Libra *Sept. 23–Oct. 22*
You might feel emotionally exhausted this week due to a Lunar Eclipse in your sign on Wednesday. Overhaul in relationship matters has been a significant theme, and this week, you're likely to have one last hurrah in this department. If you decide to part ways with someone, you're "done." There will be no going back.

Scorpio *Oct. 23–Nov. 21*
You're tired of keeping your feelings bottled up inside, and this week, it's time to reveal what you've been shoving away from your partner. You might feel as if he or she is not appreciating all that you do, and if so, it's time to speak up. Even if you're not feeling the love, you may want to give your partner an opportunity to make things right. There's every indication that it'll happen.

Sagittarius *Nov. 22–Dec. 21*
If you and a friend have been on the fence about moving forward as a couple, this week you'll gain the clarity you need to make a final decision. What you might realize is that if it's taking you this long to figure it out, then perhaps the answer has been in your subconscious mind all along. In other news, if you're in a solid relationship, expect a financial decision connected to family or real estate.

Capricorn *Dec. 22–Jan. 19*
If you've been keeping your feelings for someone special under wraps, this week that secrecy might become more than you want to bear. Even if a conversation ends up in rejection, it's time to realize that not knowing where you stand with this person is taking a toll on you in more ways than one. You deserve to be with someone who wants to be with you. End of story.

Aquarius *Jan. 20–Feb. 18*
You might struggle with feelings of inadequacy in the love department. Remember that no one defines your worth except for you, and if you give that power to anyone else, it'll surely lead to disaster. Cultivating self-love is the only way to a fulfilling relationship. Deep down inside, you know this to be true.

Pisces *Feb. 19–March 20*
You and your partner might have an emotional situation to address concerning shared finances or your intimate life. The theme is equality—what is fair for the both of you and not just one of you. As a result, if either of you feel cheated (in the bedroom or in your financial decisions) it'll be time to address the imbalance. Remember to do so in a delicate way since this is a sensitive subject for both of you.

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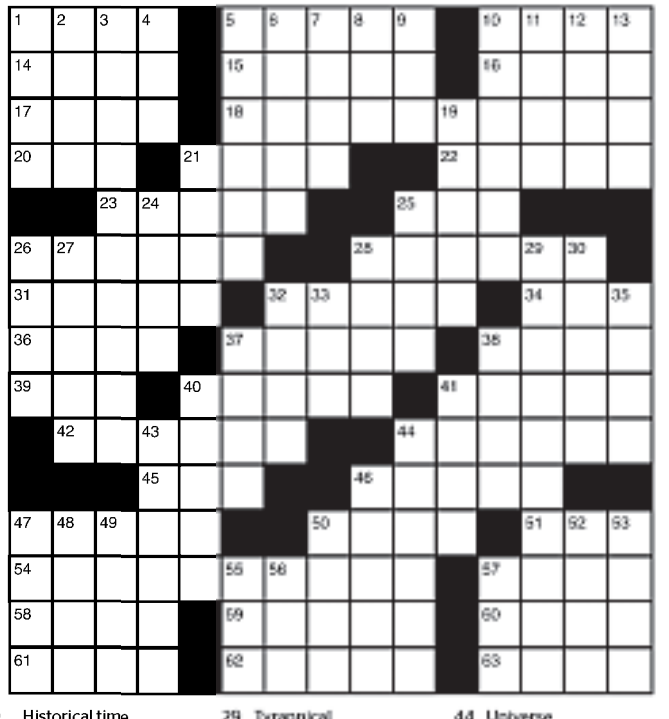

ACROSS
1 Baby horse
5 Prayer before meals
10 Mineral springs
14 Italian beach
15 Happen again
16 __ on; visit
17 Poor box gift
18 The Met or La Scala
20 Sorority letter
21 Companions
22 Permit
23 Like London's weather, often
25 Failure
26 Tricks
28 Mr. Mandela
31 Day __ day; continuously
32 "Guilty" and "Not guilty"
34 Split __ soup
36 Ending for an inflammation
37 __ on; trample
38 Gush forth
39 Greek letter
40 Hymn-singing group
41 Large crowd
42 Catch
44 Hug
45 Rooster's mate
46 Red Sea divider
47 Deadly snake
50 "When You __ Upon a Star"
51 Depressed
54 Arthritis
57 Donate
58 Has a bug
59 Zest
60 Kiln
61 Leave suddenly
62 Minds
63 Pain in the neck

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1 Flutter up and down, as wings
2 Paints used by Rockwell
3 Great respect
4 __ Angeles, CA
5 Responses to corny jokes
6 Answer
7 King toppers
8 Mongrel
9 Historical time
10 Bawls out
11 Actor Reiser
12 To boot
13 Murdered
19 Lugs; drags
21 Wharf
24 Chopping tools
25 No longer alive
26 Bad __ day; time for a hat
27 "The Last __ Mohicans"
28 Not far away
29 Tyrannical
30 Necessities
32 __ up: support from behind or below
33 Luau garland
35 Amazes
37 Other __; besides
38 As __ as a boil
40 Dairy product
41 Chopped meat concoction
43 Rocket force
44 Universe
46 Slightly foggy
47 Grouchy one
48 Cincinnati, __
49 Pupil summons
50 Smart
52 Hail Marys, for short
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'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice'

OVER LOAD

Director Zack Snyder told Collider in a recent interview that the Joker and Riddler both almost made a cameo in the upcoming "Batman v Superman" film. Snyder said, "We talked about the possibility of putting them in. [Screenwriter] Chris Terrio and I talked about it a lot and felt that their mythological presence is felt in the movie and that's cool, but I didn't want to get my eye too far off the ball because I needed to spend the time, frankly, with Batman and Superman to understand the conflict." How many more [bleep]ing people could they add into this film? Plus, c'mon, Jared Leto as the Joker? Ugh. Don't get us started.

THE DIGIT

$29.1M

That's how much money "The Divergent Series: Allegiant" made at the domestic box office this weekend. According to **variety.com**, the movie came in second to Disney's "Zootopia," which managed to bring in $38 million in its third weekend. The third movie in the "Divergent" series barely reached half of the $54.6 million launch of "Divergent," the first film in the series, in 2014. The finale chapter in the series, "Ascendant," is set to open in June 2017.

Affleck

It's fake

We can all sleep easy now. Ben Affleck's hideous back tattoo is fake. The actor, who has been spotted with a giant back tattoo of a phoenix, told Mario Lopez in an interview that the tattoo is fake and for a movie, according to **vulture.com**. Affleck added, "I actually do have a number of tattoos. But I try to have them in places where you don't have to do a lot of cover up."

THE QUOTE

"ZOMBIES CAN'T SWIM. THEY CAN WADE, BUT THEY SINK."

—Dave Erickson, "Fear the Walking Dead" showrunner, about the twist on zombies that will be featured in "The Walking Dead" spinoff's upcoming second season. Erickson added, "But we've figured out the best ways to shoot water zombies. They don't drown. They keep floating back up."

Dylan O'Brien injured on set

"Maze Runner" star Dylan O'Brien was hit by a car and suffered multiple injuries on the set of the series' upcoming installment, "The Death Cure." According to variety.com, TMZ reported that O'Brien was run over by a vehicle in a car scene gone wrong and may have suffered multiple broken bones.

Dylan O'Brien in 'Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials'

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